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In re application of  
Jarkko Valtanen  
Application No.09/402,121  
Filed: September 30, 1999  
For: JOINT ARRANGEMENT

**DECISION ON PETITION  
TO WITHDRAW THE  
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

This is in reply to applicant's Petition To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181(a) filed July 17, 2003.

The petition is **DISMISSED as moot**.

A review of the application reveals that a Notice of Abandonment mailed July 1, 2003 specified that the application had become abandoned because of applicant's failure to reply to the Office Action of December 16, 2002. The applicant provides, along with the petition, a copy of the amendment that applicant argues was timely filed on March 7, 2003. A further review of the file reveals that the original copy of the amendment has since been matched with the file. Since the original of the amendment in question is now in the file, the file will be restored to pending status. There is no need to treat the petition on the merits and it is therefore dismissed as moot.

This application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for processing of the amendment filed March 7, 2003. Thereafter, the file will be forwarded to the examiner for treatment on the merits of the amendment filed March 7, 2003.

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